

**Approved 11/14/2013**

**Exeter Fire District**

**(October 10, 2013)**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Scott Kettelle called the October 10th meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:12pm. Commissioners Kettelle, Rooney, Whitford, Slater, Franklin, Aker and Nievera were present. District treasurer Ms. MacDonald and attorney Peter Ruggiero were also present. There were two (2) members of the public in attendance.**

#### **Public Comment**

**There was no public comment.**

#### **Treasurers' Report**

**Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Rooney second) the acceptance of the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. MacDonald stated that she would have the bank reconciliation ready for next Wednesday. Mr. Nievera will compare it with the bank statement at his earliest convenience and include his findings in his next report.**

#### **Previous Month's Minutes**

**Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Rooney second) acceptance of the minutes of**

**the September 12th meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.**

## **Communications**

**Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail has been given to the treasurer for her action.**

## **Old Business**

**Mr. Nievera reported that the collector has requested uncompensated time off on the day before the Thanksgiving holiday, requiring the closure of the tax office. The announcement on the answering machine will advise that the office will be closed and a sign will be posted the week prior. There were no objections.**

## **New Business**

**Chief Chamberlain reported that he has been requested to inspect all businesses within the town. He feels that he may have add a line item to his budget for this service. Mr. Kettelle advised that this policy has been in place for a very long time. Chief Chamberlain will go back and check his records.**

**Mr. Franklin reported that his station held a training last week with six (6) companies in attendance. The training centered on (CAFS) compressed air foam systems.**

**Chief Jordan reported that things continue to progress in a positive manner within the Rescue Corps.**

**Mr. Kettelle reported that the dispatch center is nearly back to full operation after the lightning strike during the last storm. Mr. Nievera asked if the insurance coverage was enough to make the necessary repairs. Minus the \$5,000 deductible, it was.**

**A lengthy discussion ensued relative to the assumption of duties of the Exeter Rescue Corps. Among the items discussed was whether or not the new pay rate offered by then chief, Dennis Colacone, had been instituted. Apparently, it has not.**

**Mr. Kettelle gave a report as to his meetings with various parties concerning the takeover. Research is being undertaken as to the legality of the Rescue Corps handing their assets over to the fire district which is not a 501 C (3) organization.**

**Chief Jordan has posted two (2) management positions at the rescue building, one for chief and the other for a treasurer. There has been limited response to the posting.**

**It was determined that a meeting with the members of the Rescue Corps and the IAFF union would be beneficial to the effort. This will take place when the commissioners have answers to some of our concerns.**

**Mr. Nievera was asked to make the Caito's addressees on e-mails containing the agenda for upcoming EFD meetings.**

**Mr. Ruggiero was asked to draft a letter of agreement to outline the responsibilities of the parties to the takeover. He will also work on a**

resolution for the annual meeting. These will be in hand by the next meeting on October 24th. He also strongly recommended that the board ask the members of the district for their approval for this takeover. This would require either a special membership meeting or delaying the assumption of duties until it can be voted upon at the regular annual meeting in April of 2014.

Mr. Aker moved (Ms. Whitford second) we meet in executive session with representatives of the Exeter Rescue Corps on October 24th at 7:00pm at station #2. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kettelle will contact the rescue officials.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Exeter Fire District will be held on Thursday, 11/14/2013. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public Library and will begin at 7:00pm.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Rooney second) adjournment at 8:57 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Bill Nievera, Clerk**

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